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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Contemporaneous with the filing of this case and  
prior to calculation of the filing fee, kindly amend as  
follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

After the title please insert the following  
paragraph:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

The present application is the national stage under  
35 U.S.C. 371 of PCT/JP99/00393, filed January 29, 1999. --

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 8, lines 1-2, delete "or 7".

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